(c) if so, when the survey was carried out?

T&E DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Surveys on the activity status of job-seekers registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country are carried out from time to time. The latest in the series of such surveys was conducted during 1988.

Estimates based on the latest survey revealed that nearly 34 per cent of the job-seekers registered with the Employment Exchanges werr employed and out of them about 56 per cent were employed in the priavte sector.

Migration of labour from rural to urban areas

4784. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 500 crore scheme under the National Renewal Fund has been chalked out to prevent the migration of labour from the rural areas to urban areas; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (p) The National Renewal Fund has been set up to provide a social safety net for the workers who may be adversely affected as a result of technological upgradation and modernisation under the New Industrial Policy. According to the information made available to the Labour Ministry, it is proposed to earmark certain amount from the corpus of the National Renewal Fund for employment generation schemes to supplement the normal empolyment generation through Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, par, ticularly in those areas where the pressure for such employment is seen to be more in earlier years.

Filling up of the post of judges in NIT

4785. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the judge of the Naional Indusries Tribunal (NIT) has been retired in October, 1991 and the post is not filled up as yet;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of cases pending with the Tribunal and what steps are being taken for the appointment of judges to fill up the vacant posts and to clear the pending cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The posts of Presiding Officer of Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court No 1, Bombay also functioning as National Industrial Tribunal fell vacant on 20.12.1991 on retirement of the incumbent. A judge selected for the post declined the offer of appointment. Appointment of another judge is under consideration of the Government. As on 1.7-92, 258 industrial disputes and 683 applications were pending in the Tribunal which includes 3 industrial disputes and 50 applications for National Industrial Tribunal.

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